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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after the title:

Cross Reference To Related Application

[0001] This application is a **national stage** of PCT/EP2003/008868 filed August 9, 2003 and based upon DE 102 37 413.9 filed August 16, 2002 under the International Convention.

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] The invention concerns an exhaust gas turbocharger for an internal combustion engine ~~according to the precharacterizing portion of Claim 1.~~

Please cancel paragraph [00010]:

~~[00010] This problem is inventively solved by the characteristics of Claim 1.~~

Please replace paragraph [00011] with the following amended paragraph:

[00011] According to the design of the new exhaust gas turbocharger, it is provided that the position of the flow ring in the housing of the turbocharger is variably adjustable. According to the state of the art this flow ring is always provided as a component fixed with the turbocharger housing, in contrast to which ~~in accordance with new Claim 1~~ the flow ring

is moveable. By making the flow ring moveable, the possibility is created to reduce or even completely eliminate the gap dimension which is inherently required in construction to provide freedom of movement to the parts, or is created by wear or thermal expansion or by other causes. Leakages or flow-by at the end surface of the adjustable guide vanes can be substantially or completely excluded, and a desired pressure relationship can be adjusted within the turbine, which imparts a desired gas flow to the turbine wheel. In order to be able to adjust the radial guide vanes, a minimal gap at the axial end surface of the radial guide vanes is necessary; for adjusting the radial guide vanes the adjustable flow ring can be axially displaced in a position further distant from the radial ring of guide vanes. Subsequently, for closing of air gaps, the flow ring is advanced until contact with the end surface of the radial guide vanes or, as the case may be, another component of the radial guide grid or to a spacer provided for this purpose.